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Strike draws concern, ire

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Romulus officials and residents expressed anger and concern about the recent Northwest Airline mechanics and cleaners unions strike at the city council meeting Monday night.

Members of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Organization (AMFA) picketed the airlines five days ago because of cost cutting measures and wage reductions the airlines asked union members to accept.

While union members ponder the potential loss of their jobs and the airlines face a loss in revenue, city officials say they are first and foremost concerned about the welfare of the residents who work for Northwest – the second-largest employer behind General

Motors in the city – and the overall effect a prolonged work stoppage could have on the city.

"We have estimates that indicate about 300 families live in Romulus that could be involved in this strike," said Councilman William Wadsworth. "Northwest Airlines stood before us several years ago and said that this could be a wind-fall of jobs for this community. Now we have a situation where they want to eliminate a number of those jobs, and give some of them to workers from Montana and Idaho and California, and what is that going to do to these workers?"

Added Councilwoman Debbie Romak: "Northwest has eliminated the number of jobs already," she said. "As you drive around the city, you see an number of homes that are up for sale, and you have to wonder if the people that once worked for

the airlines are leaving the community."

Northwest has hired replacement mechanics from outside companies – some of whom worked for other airlines, while others were trained by Northwest to do the work of the mechanics. The company wants to reduce the cost of maintaining the fleet by \$176 million. Wage concessions of 25 percent were also under consideration. The airline is currently losing \$4 million per day.

Northwest spokesman Kurt Ebonhoch said the labor negotiations process started two years ago, and that the airline is in a difficult position, especially in Romulus.

"Most of the people that are flying into Detroit are on their way to somewhere else, and there are several low-cost carriers at Metro that we are expected to compete with," he said.



Striking aircraft mechanics (left to right) Adam Wisnicki, Joe Smokovitz and Paul Brent picket outside of the Berry Terminal during the morning hours Tuesday.

"We told them we needed a certain number of concessions — \$176 million in total. Their last plan was \$100 million. We have to restructure our maintenance

plans to match the rest of the industry, and 53 percent of airlines have outside companies

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Tax options available to elderly, handicapped

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Staff Writer

Romulus residents who might have some challenges that prevent them from paying their summer and winter taxes on time will receive a break, as long as they fit into some pre-identified categories.

City Treasurer Pamela Kersey presented a request on behalf of taxpayers that will allow them to apply for an extension under the State of Michigan Compiled Law and General Property Tax Law. This would give approved applicants an opportunity to pay their taxes without incurring heavy fines and interest on the amount they owe.

Qualified homestead taxpayers who fit the following criteria may apply for the extension:

- Those who are 62 years old or older, including unmarried surviving spouses of a person who was 62 years old or older at the time his or her death;
- Paraplegic or quadriplegic persons;
- Eligible armed services personnel, and eligible veteran or their widow or widower;
- Any blind person;
- Any totally and permanently disabled person;
- Any person who fits into the aforementioned categories whose income does not exceed \$35,000 per year.

"This is actually coming from the state," she said. "This helps a lot because it helps people who can't pay for their summer and winter taxes, which really takes the heat off of them."

The deferment would be valid until Feb. 28, 2006, Kersey said. If taxes are not paid in full before that deadline, fines and interest would begin to accumulate.

The measure was presented by Kersey to Romulus City Council members Monday, and they unanimously approved the plan.

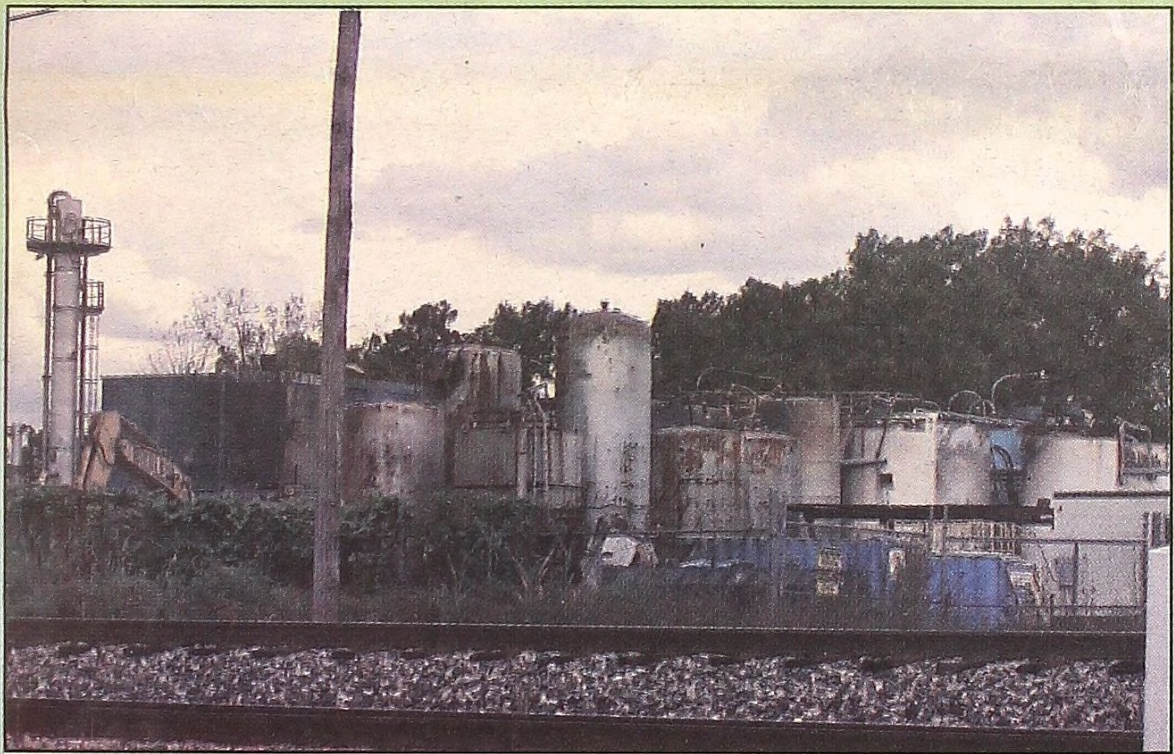
Kersey said sluggish tax payment have not been a huge problem for the city. But she also said she has noticed that some bills are being paid a little late – probably because of the soft economy.

"I do think there has been an increase in unpaid taxes recently," she said. "But often times the same people will come in and apply for the extension just in case they are not able to pay their bill in full by the deadline."

Kersey said that about 150 residents apply for the assistance out of about 8,500 taxpayers.

Applications for the deferment are available at the city treasurer's office on the ground level of city hall, at 11111 Wayne Road. Applications must be filed in the treasurer's office no later than Sept. 30. The applications will be approved on the spot.

More information is available from Kersey's office at (734) 342-7580.



Under investigation

Romulus arson investigators and agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have converged on what remains of the EQ Resource Recovery plant in hopes of answering the most compelling question of all: What started the blaze that gutted the facility and tossed black dust onto 1,000 homes in Romulus and Wayne? Results of several advanced test performed by the Environmental Protection Agency are expected to be released. Those results will show what chemicals were released in the air when explosions took place at the facility.

New emergency call system planned

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Staff Writer

A new emergency notification process will be put in place now that Romulus City Council members have approved the funds required to install the system.

The Code Red Emergency System is part of the Sungard THE System already in use at the Romulus police station. The

new system will notify residents by placing more than 60,000 phone calls at one time during an emergency, according to Mayor Alan Lambert, who explained it to council members Monday.

"The calling capability of this system is amazing," he said. "If people need to leave their homes because something has happened, it dials the numbers

within seconds. Given the fire we just had down at EQ, this would have been a great tool to tell people they needed to evacuate."

The system will cost an additional \$12,000, but will be well worth it, Lambert said.

"This has been in process for quite a while, not just because of

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Cruisin' in the Park set to begin 3-day event tomorrow

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Move over, Woodward Dream Cruise because this weekend cars will be cruising the streets of Belleville during the 3rd annual Cruzin' the Park.

The swap meet and car event will take place tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at the Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville. The week-end long car cruise will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

Sunday. It will not only showcase original vehicles, but provide a variety of entertainment, including: movies with popcorn; a DJ; car exhibits like flame throwing, muffler rapping and car hopping; prizes and other daily events.

Brad Traskos, co-organizer of the event, said that the car show is something the entire family can enjoy.

"I'm a car guy, so it's satisfying to be able to promote an event of this magnitude, but there's stuff that everyone can enjoy," he said.

The event, which usually draws

more than 10,000 people throughout the entire weekend, is now kept afloat thanks to area residents John Bokon, David Wertz and Traskos.

"My favorite part is watching the smiles on people's faces as they walk around the show. Seeing people enjoy it is my high, along with knowing you were a part of making that happen," said Traskos.

Friday, visitors can watch to see which cars have the most horsepower when it is weighed out on the chassis dyno shoot out. It will begin at 2 p.m. with a swap meet,

car show, entertainment by a DJ, a 50/50 raffle and other prize giveaways. An old-car drive-in movie and popcorn will follow at 8 p.m. to close out the activities.

A charity pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. will start events Saturday. Donations made as part of the free breakfast will go to the Sumpter Democratic Club for the widows and widowers of troops overseas.

The 27-mile Pat Marshall cruise will also take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, driving vehicles out of the park, through Huron

Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Belleville and back to the Lower Huron Metropark.

The swap meet, car show, music by the DJ, a rock wall climb, vendor sales, other prizes giveaways and contests will go on both Saturday and Sunday. A movie and popcorn will also take place again on Saturday night.

Cruzin' the Park will close with classic car picks awarded by Top Hat John, a special Pat Marshall award and other cash and plaque prizes.

Belleville Area Museum to host first-ever home tour next month

This year, the Belleville Area Museum along with the historical society will host the Belleville Area Home Tour from 1-6 p.m. on Sept 18.

The tour will include five homes, two located in Belleville that are among the oldest in the city and three contemporary

homes located on Belleville Lake in Van Buren Township, according to Diane Wilson, director of the Belleville Area Museum.

The Donahey Auto Museum will be included in the tour and will feature a private collection of 15 automobiles like a 1902 Curved Dash Oldsmobile and a

1914 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost Alpine Tourer. Auto memorabilia will also be on display.

Also as part of the event, a home tour salad luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 11575 Belleville Road. The luncheon

will include a dollhouse exhibit with original furniture, which was recently donated to the museum. Miniature room boxes will also be on display. Tickets are \$6.50.

Tickets for the home tour are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the tour. Advance tickets can be

purchased at the Belleville Area Museum, Antiques on Main, Flowers by Katherine Rose, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Van Buren Township hall.

For more information or to order tickets by mail, contact the museum at 734-697-1944.

Aviation open house this weekend

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The Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, located at the Willow Run Airport in Belleville, will launch the annual open house this weekend.

"It's a hands on opportunity for people to come in and explore aviation careers in flight, maintenance and aviation dispatch," said Amy Kienast, director of career services at the school.

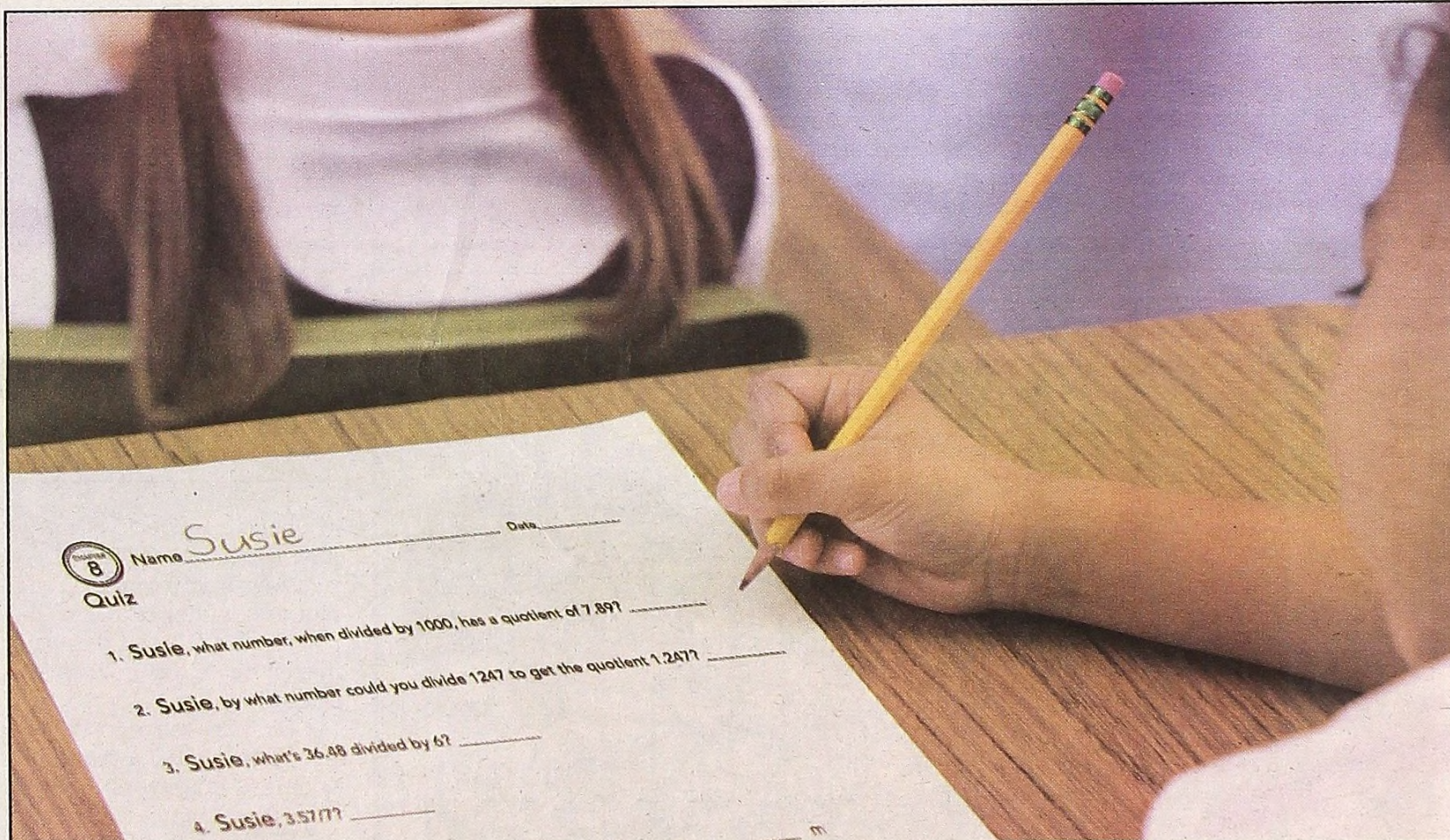
The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the school maintenance hangar.

The open house, which takes place twice a year, will include aircraft displays and demonstrations, like sheet metal stations, jet engine run-ups and composites to work on; prizes from the Yankee Air Museum, Snap-on-Tools and the 89X radio station; a free picnic lunch; free discovery airplane rides and B-52 bomber flights and career seminars and information.

"People can explore careers that they never thought of doing and maybe want to go into," said Kienast. "It's an exciting field and people may not know all the options available."

And according to Chuck Hawes, president of the school, people don't know there is currently a shortage in the aviation field.

"From a national level, the shortage is growing," said Hawes, also president of the Aviation Technician Educational Council. "In 2004 we had 170 graduates and almost 3,700 jobs orders in the country. Now, they're calling a national conference because of the shortage."



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New teachers

Members of the Romulus Board of Education and personnel staffers spent most of the summer evaluating the hundreds of resumes received from applicants who wanted to teach in the Romulus School District. This year, 22 teachers were hired to fill slots open at each of the six district schools. The vacancies occurred in part because of an early retirement buyout that several teachers with many years of seniority opted to accept. Here (left to right), new teachers Jessica Sorg, Sean Dailor, Lisa Willerick, Tammy Hartley, and Suanda Thies take a break at a human resources meeting the district scheduled for the employees.

News in brief

Man will not be charged for shooting intruder

Wayne County Prosecutors have decided they will not charge a 38-year-old Romulus man who shot an armed intruder in his home two months ago. The decision was made after prosecutors conducted an investigation into the man's actions during the past month. The shooting occurred during the late evening hours of June 10 on the 15500 block of Oakwood Street and claimed the life of 31-year-old Inkster resident Charles Cheesborough. According to police reports, Cheesborough apparently entered the home to commit robbery, but was surprised by the homeowner. The two men engaged in a physical altercation. Both fired weapons. When police arrived on the scene, they discovered Cheesborough's body in the back yard of the home, lying face down with a mask on. State law allows Michiganders to use deadly force to protect themselves.

Pumpkin Fest looms

The annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival will begin on Sept. 16 and continue through Sept. 18 on Goddard Road between Shook Road and Romaine Street. Several activities the festival historically features will be back this year, including music and entertainment from bands of all genres, as well as the highly-anticipated pie-baking contest, sunflower growing contest, sack races, the Cruisin' Car Show, Civil War re-enactors, and the Parade of Lights. About 75-100 vendors who sell food, artwork and jewelry will be on hand. For more information, call toll-free (734) 355-4577.

Bingo fundraiser helps animal shelter

A three-day bingo fundraiser is being organized to help raise money for a new Romulus Animal Shelter. Councilman William Wadsworth is still ironing out the details, but the event will likely be inside the Romulus Senior Center on the corner of Shook and Bibbens Road. The events will begin at 4 p.m.-midnight on Friday, Sept. 16, and will continue from noon-11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, and from noon-6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18. If the organizers cannot have the event inside the senior center, it will move to the front of the facility. For more information, call Wadsworth at (734) 641-0616.

EQ fallout, memories extend far from City of Romulus

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Even though the flames from the EQ Resource Recovery plant fire in Romulus are out, they continue to burn in the minds of area residents who witnessed the recent explosion, including people from Van Buren Township, which is located only a few miles from the plant.

"I heard about it within minutes of the fire and thought it sounds like a large event and if there's anything we can do to help our neighbors, we certainly will do it," said Al Smolen, fire chief of Van Buren Township. "I didn't do anything that Chief Allison wouldn't have done for Van Buren Township citizens. We offered all services in any way fit to help out."

Smolen, who was at the emergency command post as the incident was happening, said that without the collective

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Al Smolen

effort of surrounding communities through the mutual aid program as well as other volunteer efforts, everything wouldn't have gone as smoothly as it did.

"Everyone was there to help and support. It definitely was a team effort, it was not a one person job," he said.

The Romulus fire also brought back some unforgettable memories, Smolen said.

"An event of this magnitude you don't know exactly what you're up against. It brought back memories of last year's Yankee Air Museum fire along with other big scale events," he said. "Luckily these don't happen with any great frequency,

but that's what we train for because there's always a possibility"

The Environmental Quality Co., which handles various environmental services including waste disposal and recycling, landfill services and transportation services, also has facilities in Van Buren Township. The EQ Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant, the EQ Wayne Disposal and the EQ Wayne Energy Systems are all services located at the North I-94 Service Drive in the township. Each division handles different services—landfill and disposal for hazardous and non-hazardous wastes—that are making people

now question: what if the Romulus incident was to happen in our area?

"The fire was an unfortunate incident, but we also took it as a precaution measure since we have the company in the township," said Supervisor Cindy King. "It hasn't directly affected us and we're very fortunate of that because we're only 10 minutes away."

Luckily, fumes from the fire also did not affect the township, despite the close proximity. Smolen said it was because of wind direction.

"The smoke was blowing north and northeast of the site and we're directly west of the site," he said.

EQ recently released a statement that said none of the other seven treatment facilities or four service centers, including the Van Buren Township locations, were affected and normal operations will continue nationwide.

Strike - City-wide effects of job losses are pondered by officials

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handling maintenance."

Union representative Dave Rose said about 1,200 of his members who work at various Northwest hubs are on strike, and that about 800 are from Michigan.

"There came a point when they just asked for too much, and we voted at 94 percent to go on strike," he said. "At the beginning of this, we offered to step down to a stage four pay level, which meant about 16.1 percent pay cut for our membership. But they immediately told us to forget it. Then they asked us to pay substantially more for our health care, asked us to gave up some of our

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William Wadsworth

earned vacation time, and asked for other concessions. We just can't do that."

But officials in Romulus are worried the strike could have disastrous effects, like the Detroit Newspapers strike of 1995, where 1,000 workers were locked out after courts allowed replacement workers to be hired, and the air traffic controllers strike of 1981, which left 13,000 workers without jobs.

Joe Smokovitz, a resident of Romulus, has worked for Northwest as a mechanic for 15 years, and said he supports the union strategy at this point.

"There was no choice in the matter because this was set up by Northwest years ago in an attempt to break the union," he said. "We were told they were training 400 new mechanics; it really turned out to be 1,800. They spent a lot of money to do

this, now they are asking for concessions. And we agreed to the pay cut early on, they came back and told us to forget it. The company is clearly are not bargaining in good faith."

Union regional president Steve McFarlane left a voice-mail for employees and interested parties stating that there have been negotiations scheduled in the near future.

Romulus officials said they find that unacceptable, and urged Mayor Alan Lambert to appeal to both the union and the airline.

"Both entities need to get back to the table as soon as possible to hopefully come up with a resolution to this," said Wadsworth.

Notification - System useful for communication during disasters

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the fire," he said. "But it is an example of why something like this is needed, and how it could be utilized."

The Code Red system would

allow law enforcement personnel to send thousands of telephone messages to each resident in the city, or a targeted number of quadrants, when an emergency occurs. Computerized mapping allows

officers to choose where a message should be sent.

An emergency could be a fire, crimes that are ongoing in a specific area, disasters, and search and rescue missions, according to information provided by

Looking Glass Software, the Ormond Beach, Fla.-based company that sells the software.

The current Sungard computer system in Romulus manages record-keeping and crime analysis for the police department.

Detroit water department spending challenged

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Staff Writer

A recent radio system purchase by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) that will service the Detroit police and fire departments as well as water workers, is leaving area officials asking: How does this affect our community?

The answer could be increased water and sewer rates.

Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor, who said he was speaking more as a consumer than a member of the police department, wants to know if the water consumption though the DWSD is paying for the emergency radio purchase.

"I'm asking this because we are paying extra and it affects us all," he said. "Why should we be paying for the City of Detroit radio system? If they are raising our water rates then why should we have to pay for another community's upgrades?"

Recently, residents and business owners in Belleville received a 21.3 percent increase in water rates, which was the second highest increase out of the 125 communities serviced by the DWSD. Surrounding communities, such as Van Buren Township, Romulus and Canton, received a smaller rate increase—a combined total of 20.3 percent.

According to DWSD, those increases in water and sewage rates are the lowest

increases in 12 years. They are due to continued efforts to upgrade facilities and replace equipment in order to comply with federal requirements, according to a spokesman.

Belleville Mayor Tom Fielder said those factors all tie into the debate in the suburbs about if a new-and separate-water supply system should be created.

"I have mixed views because I would like to be sure that rates aren't too high, but we (Belleville) couldn't afford to have our own water system. We would have to go in with someone else, Fielder said."

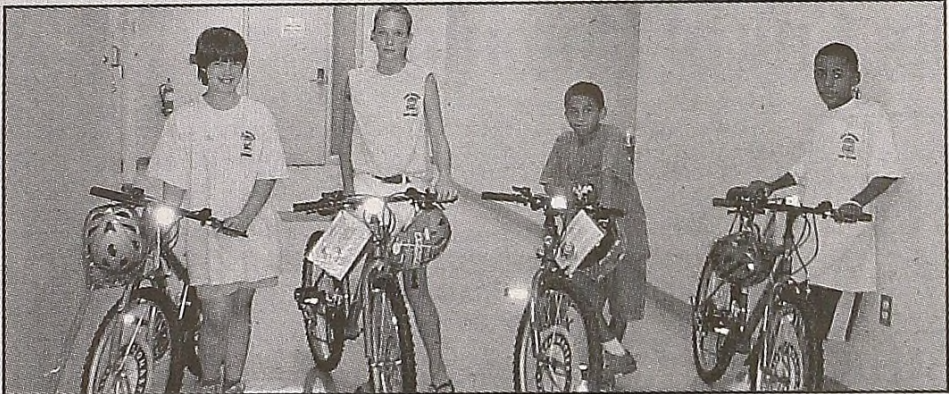
Now, officials see the DWSD as a monopoly where competition could be for the best.

"Other counties, like Oakland County,

want to start their own separate suburban water treatment, but if there is an alternative source of water, it's going to have to be purchased water from somebody and the question will be are the costs in line. If there is a second system, our decision would be, which is the most efficient and the cheapest for us."

Legislation has also been proposed, Fielder said, which would create a water system committee that would incorporate representatives of the local communities.

"We argue that it's an essential service and we should be able to support the water rate process," he said. "We hope to have some say to determine if the rates are fair."



Top cop camp

The "Camp with a Cop" event in Van Buren Township was another success this year, according to township officials. The camp, which took place at Van Buren Park, had more than 70 children who enjoyed games, police and fire demonstrations, entertainment and the annual water-balloon toss with campers facing off against the officers. Haley Berry, Erica Mozdy, Jalen Tories and Sheldon Scott were the winners of the bikes that were donated by residents Jim Higgerson and Toby Leis during the camp.



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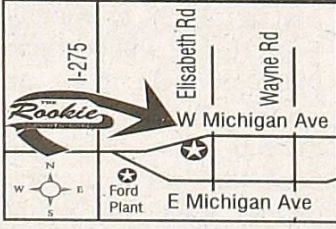
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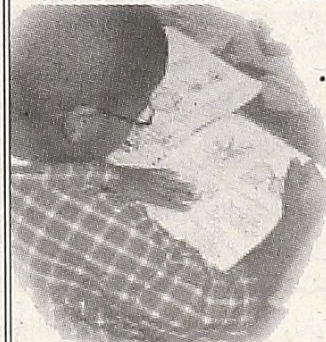
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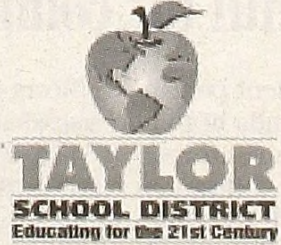


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OPINION

Trash talk pays off

When City of Westland officials decide who will provide garbage hauling services for residents, they'll have a strong base of information to work from.

The city council hosted a study session Monday night, where they invited any interested firm to come in and give a presentation to Westland officials and any residents who cared enough to sit through a three-hour question and answer period. Three firms and a handful of residents took up the call, including the incumbent waste hauler, Painter & Ruthenberg, who probably did the best job in convincing city officials.

That's a good thing for them, too, because they were arguably under the most pressure. Their contract expired at the end of June and they've been working with the city without one since then. Attempts to finalize a temporary agreement that would expire at the end of the year have, for one reason or another, been unsuccessful. Part of the reason for the presentations, in fact, was the complaints that some residents raised about the current service.

The city is taking the right approach to the problem, allowing the companies to talk to anyone who wants to listen. They're asking the right questions about the future, too, such as guaranteed service, the cost and feasibility of curbside recycling, and more.

They didn't make a decision Monday night, nor were they expected to. A subcommittee will evaluate the presentations along with additional material requested by Mayor Sandra Cicirelli. The decision will most likely hinge on price and value.

It also gives Painter & Ruthenberg a chance to get their ducks in a row, so to speak. If they eventually lose the contract that they've had for so long, it won't be because they didn't have an opportunity to keep it.

Group field trip is good idea

At 6:30 p.m. tonight, members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees will take a tour through Northville Community Park.

It's probably a good idea, for a number of reasons.

First of all, by their own admission, this ambitious project – which will eventually include more than 120 acres off Five Mile and Beck roads – isn't looking too good right now.

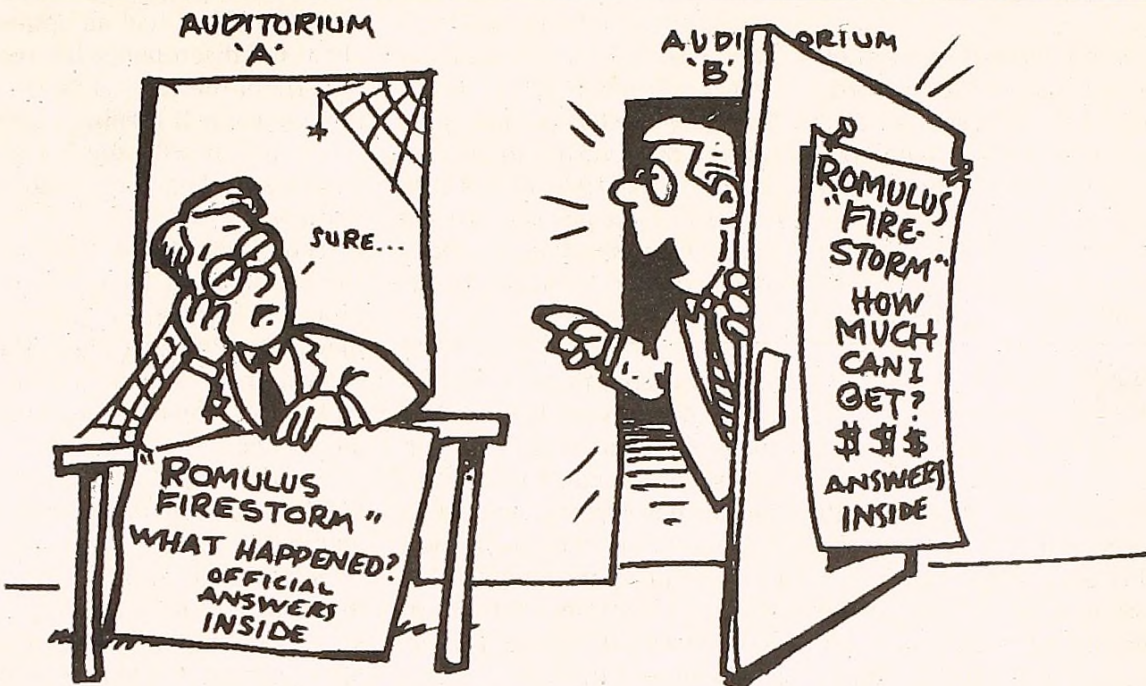
Granted, it's still a work in progress, but what they'll find out there now are fields under construction that are suffering from a hot summer and lack of irrigation. Too little rain has caused runoff that eroded shallow ravines in the stone-strewn dirt nearby. The pathway looks good and the parking areas are coming along, but again, it's still a work in progress.

It's also important for the board to go, as a group, to take a look because later on that night they'll discuss the topic again, as a group. One of the issues this time around is some additional landscaping required to buffer the project from the adjacent Robert Scott Correctional Facility. The trustees looked at a change order for that – and other items – last week to the tune of \$80,000.

This is a project that was designed to be the jewel of the community. A sprawling recreational facility that took into account the needs of almost every resident – from scheduled athletic groups to passive wanderers who might just want to walk along the paths or sit by a pond and while away a pleasant afternoon. There was even a proposal, after some discussion, about an off-leash recreation area – that's a dog park, for those not big on jargon.

This project has gone through so many changes, though, that it's difficult to figure out what was initially proposed, what was changed and why. It's not necessarily the fault of the township government,

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HEY! CAN WE USE SOME OF YOUR EMPTY CHAIRS? YOU'VE GOT PLENTY... AND WE'RE PACKED!!

'Tomato Man' perishes on vine

"Dear Resident," the letter begins.

"Last week, a class action lawsuit was filed by several of your neighbors against EQ Resource Recovery for the recent explosion at its chemical facility for the damages to their homes and properties alleged to have been caused by that explosion..."

It goes on, saying the object of the lawsuit was to prevent any future explosions and to compensate those negatively impacted by the pollution. I received the letter, it said, because of the proximity of my home to the plant and yes, it's true, I was an evacuee. But a litigant? I'm not so sure.

It closes with the statement: "If you are represented by another attorney regarding the explosion, please disregard this letter," implying that everyone in Wayne wants to sue for one reason or another.

I knew the letter was coming. I had half expected a door-to-door solicitation from some law firm or another. I'd answer the knock and see some smartly-dressed attorney with a surgical mask over the bottom half of his face, handing out business cards.

I knew the lawsuits were out there, too. Like many other people, I'd seen crowds of residents gathering at picnic pavilions in nearby parks, while

attorneys talked in front of them.

I even talked to one of the attorneys heading up one batch of lawsuits.

"Does it hurt your case at all," I asked her, "filing the suit before the fire was even out? I mean, don't you need a few more answers before you take that step?"

The answer I received, that it didn't hurt because there were a lot of questions out there, a lot of concerns, didn't quite satisfy me. I know there are questions and concerns out there. But I can't see how the quickest way to get them solved was to file a lawsuit; I've never known any process that accelerated once lawyers were involved.

Officials here in the City of Wayne knew there would be a lot of questions, too. They were prepared for it at their last city council meeting. Perhaps they saw the same crowded images on television and expected the same type of crowd there, so they moved the meeting to the Wayne Community Center, brought in a few people who otherwise wouldn't be there, to answer questions

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Prayer brings power and peace

You don't have to be a member of organized religion to participate. That's a nice thing about it.

Hold on, I have nothing against organized religion, however, there are a lot of people who prefer to find their spirit in other ways.

Life demands we have to have food and shelter, work to survive, but nothing says we have to pray. I find that interesting, because when I don't have to do something, I find it very attractive. Prayer is wonderfully rewarding, if not the most powerful thing you can do.

When I was a child, I went to a Catholic school and prayer was formatted. In those days thousands of today's adults ended their day with the "Now I lay me down to sleep" prayer. As far as I knew the "Now I lay me down," prayer was for Protestants or Lutherans.

One of the most wonderful things about being a kid in the 1950s was living in a neighborhood filled with different religions and beliefs.

Arnold "Butterball" Appel and his sister Barbara were Lutheran. We called him "Butterball" because he was always getting spanked for sneaking handfuls of butter. Clifford Hudlett was Protestant. Richard Kiessel, my next-door neighbor and best friend was nothing. His folks didn't go to church.

There were Kenny Housefeld and Dick

Goodman who lived next to each other across the street. Amazingly, they went to church on Saturday, which always perturbed me because it interfered with our play.

Of course, Kenny and Dick didn't go to church, they went to synagogue on a Saturday. I really didn't become conscious that they were Jewish until I was an adult. Great isn't it, that kind of stuff just didn't matter?

Too bad life isn't that way today. Too bad people today put so much emphasis on religion and race.

It just didn't matter in those days if you were Irish or German, Jewish or Catholic (even though only Catholics would go to heaven). We were community, a neighborhood an extended family. We fought, we played, we protected each other.

I remember once when I was 4 or 5 years-old, I called Butterball's mother a bastard—then said a quick (but not quick enough) prayer.

Mrs. Appel was in her backyard hanging clothes—it was called doing the wash in those days—and she yelled across two yards to my mother who was in our backyard.

Mom reacted and whacked me across the behind then asked why I did it.

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Prayer

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I said because Butterball's mother had called me a "little Polack."

Mom apologized to me then launched a few chosen words across the Kiessel's and Klienard's yards letting Mrs. Bastard know that she should know better.

The next day all was forgiven and forgotten.

Today, prayer comes easily,

especially my style. Anytime, anyplace. A day doesn't go by without a good number of, "Thank you, Gods". In fact, I like to be grateful in advance—that way, I figure, God owes me.

Readers save \$4.50 on Jerry's latest book, "Life is a Joke and God Wrote it!" Regularly \$19.50, but it's \$15 if you clip this portion of the column and send \$15 to P.O. Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. To receive a weekly proactive thought from Jerry send your email address through www.jerrystanekki.com.

Park

FROM PAGE 6

either – they had to deal with many issues on the site that they couldn't adequately prepare for. They didn't know what was in the ground until they started to dig, after all, and what they found then was enough to raise a few red flags.

So it's a good idea to walk the

site and ensure that everyone is on the same page. We still like this project, still think it's a worthy use for the parkland acquisition and development millage.

We still think it can be a jewel for the entire community, too, but for that to happen, the board needs to walk the site as a group, sit down and discuss the best next course of action as a group, and then get behind that decision as a group.

Hero

FROM PAGE 6

and waited for the crowd.

About five people showed up.

One resident had an opinion about the discrepancy between the size of the crowds: those at the city council meeting cared, those talking with the lawyers were just looking for a handout. Perhaps.

Those that came to the meeting brought up a good point, though. They were concerned, they had every right to be. They wanted answers, and they wanted to know why they didn't have any sooner.

A couple mentioned that they didn't know about the evacuation and that, I think, is impossible – or at least their own fault. Those that don't live in the city may not know about all the ways the city has to get information out to the public. There are public address systems. They have programmable neon signs at the police and fire stations. They have their own radio station 1620 a.m. – that's where I tuned to hear the voice of Bob English, assistant city manager, slowly identify the evacuation zone. Police cars drove up and down the streets, urging people to leave, too.

The city did just about everything right that night and in the days that followed. Someone wanted to know why they didn't host a public meeting – perhaps advertised by those same infor-

Those that came to the meeting brought up a good point, though. They were concerned, they had every right to be. They wanted answers, and they wanted to know why they didn't have any sooner.

mation outlets – to let people know what was going on.

In hindsight, that may be a good point. It seems like a good idea, and I'm not exactly sure why they didn't, but I do have a theory. The explosion happened Tuesday night, Aug. 9. The fire was still lingering the next day; investigators weren't able to poke around until Thursday. Meanwhile the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was testing the air, with results due a day or two later. The city probably didn't call a town hall meeting because they would not have had the definitive answers residents wanted. They were just as frustrated, if not more so, about the slow flow of information from the testing agencies, but they were reasonably sure they would at the regular city council meeting, so they just prepared for a big crowd there. Given how busy I am, I appreciate that. I'd rather go to a place where I could learn something rather than listen to our city leaders say: Thanks for coming tonight, but we don't have any answers yet.

Now, a couple of weeks later, many may be looking at this let-

ter or a different one – they came to just about everyone in town, I'm told – and wondering what to do.

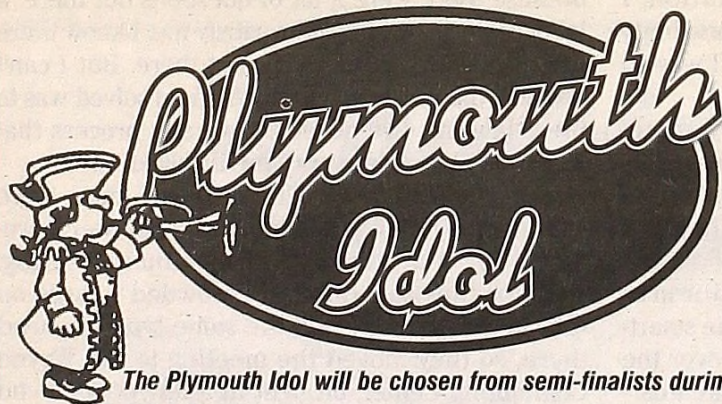
It's a strange position to be in. I realized it last week when I became suddenly suspicious of the tomatoes growing in a pot in my back yard. Is that a healthy shade of green, or a nuclear shade of green? Maybe I'd eat one, and my greatest desire would come to fruition: I'd get some type of super power. What good Tomato Man could do in the world, well, I can't tell.

But to be honest, I've never been a fan of the whole 'sue first, ask questions later' mentality. I understand the economics behind it, though. Nowadays, a lawsuit can be a type of investment. These cases will most likely work their slow way through the court system and reach some kind of settlement. There's a figure out there, one the insurance companies know well, and those two figures may add up. Residents may see a few pennies, but the bulk of the money will go to the law firms, themselves.

I think I'll settle for giving the veggies a bath.

Send us your letters

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The Plymouth Idol will be chosen from semi-finalists during a Fall Festival Karaoke competition from 2-4 p.m. Saturday Sept. 10 in the Hospitality Tent behind E.G. Nick's on Forest Avenue.

Who is the most talented Karaoke singer in the area? Is it you?

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Preliminary competitions for the Plymouth Idol competition will take place from 10 p.m. to midnight at:

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Wednesday, Aug. 31.....	Boulders 1020 West Ann Arbor Road Plymouth (734) 459-4190
Thursday, Sept. 1.....	Plymouth Crossing 340 North Main St. Plymouth (734) 455-3700
Friday, Sept. 2.....	Marvaso's Italian Grille 6569 N. Wayne Road Westland (734) 405-5222
Saturday, Sept. 3.....	E. G. Nick's 500 Forest Ave. Plymouth, (734) 414-6400

The top ten contestants (two from each location) chosen by the judges will compete for the title of Plymouth Idol, recording time and prizes from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 in the main entertainment tent. Decisions of the judges are final. For information call David James (734) 464-3400.

*You must be 21 years old or older to participate.

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THE SCENE

The 40 Year-Old Virgin it's a guy thing

What was the last good "guy" movie? Probably *Old School*. Well, the summer of 2005 has produced two instant guy movies: *Wedding Crashers*, and *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*.

The film stars Steve Carell (*Bruce Almighty*, *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*) as 40-year-old Andy Stitzer, and, as the title suggests, he hasn't had much luck with the ladies.

Oddly enough, this isn't a big deal to Andy, the nice guy who has given up on all things involving romantic love or sexual gratification. After some failed attempts, he assumes love just isn't in the cards for him. He's accepted that and adjusts his life accordingly: he collects action figures, plays video games, and spends his Thursday nights watching *Survivor* with his senior citizen neighbors—who even see that Stitzer needs some "action."

Andy, who works at a Circuit City knockoff, leads a dull life, that is until his co-workers find out about his situation.

David (Paul Rudd), Jay (Romany Malco), and Cal (Seth Rogen) find out his little secret and make it their mission to have Andy learn the carnal arts. Each has a different way of trying to help Andy in his quest. David gives Andy enough adult material to fill a Blockbuster Video and encourages him in the ways of love. Jay is a gigolo who tries to teach Andy how to be a ruthless sex hound, and Cal has his own manner of trying to teach Andy the ins and outs of dating.

After plenty of humiliation on Andy's part, two suitable candidates come around: Beth (Elizabeth Banks) and Trish (Catherine Keener). Trish is the owner of a local shop, and is the type Andy should be going after. She is thoughtful, intelligent and settled down. Beth is the "wild child." Andy's burgeoning relationship with Trish is interrupted by his insecurities about himself. "Sealing this deal," which he seems to be almost forced into, has two different contexts. He wants to know the touch of a woman but he wants it on his terms, not everyone else's. That seems to be the main plot of the film, as Stitzer is trying to come out of his shell and become a more complete person.

The guy element of the film comes from the coarse language and situations Andy and his cohorts are put in. At one point, the four have a discussion about women and horses....Enough said.

There are plenty of tasteless jokes, obscenities, homophobic commentary and the sort of humor that panders to the lowest common denominator; but at the same time, the humor is secondary to the story being told. The jokes add to the film. The story revolves around the characters and not the tasteless things that happen, which is refreshing from a genre that has had more than its share of poop jokes in recent years.

If you know films, you can guess what happens during the climax—no pun intended. Carell's performance as the loveable geek is rather remarkable; Andy's affliction isn't something that defines him or his character, it's just part of what he is. The character doesn't revolve around being a virgin; he's just a nice guy who's been unlucky and has given up on finding that sort of satisfaction with a woman.

His character also changes throughout the movie, as the closer he gets to being a fully rounded person (and outside of being a guy who feels obligated to be alone) he becomes a fuller, better person in his job and to the world around him. He grows and evolves in a way that suits the character; as he moves from being the guy he feels he should be to the guy we want him to be.



Reviewed By
Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

FOOD

Now this is what I call a real 'love muffin'

A true lover of all things sweet recognizes the good stuff when they see it.

I speak from experience, growing up with an Italian mother who loved to cook and bake.

One of my personal weaknesses is baked goods. I find it nearly impossible to resist my sweet tooth and it's been that way since I was a kid. I vividly remember my mother always ready to serve up freshly baked goods, which, a lot of times, were steamy muffins. I have a new favorite, however; that Mom never dared to make: a low-calorie, whole-wheat muffin.

I assure you that I have perfected the art of tasting muffins, and from my point of view, this particular recipe produces an absolutely delicious result.

I was talking to my friend Dawn the other day, who works as a counselor at one of those infamous "weight-loss guaranteed" places. She told me about his recipe. After testing it, I was convinced. It truly exemplifies perfection from the oven. It works out perfectly, because I appease my muffin craving while

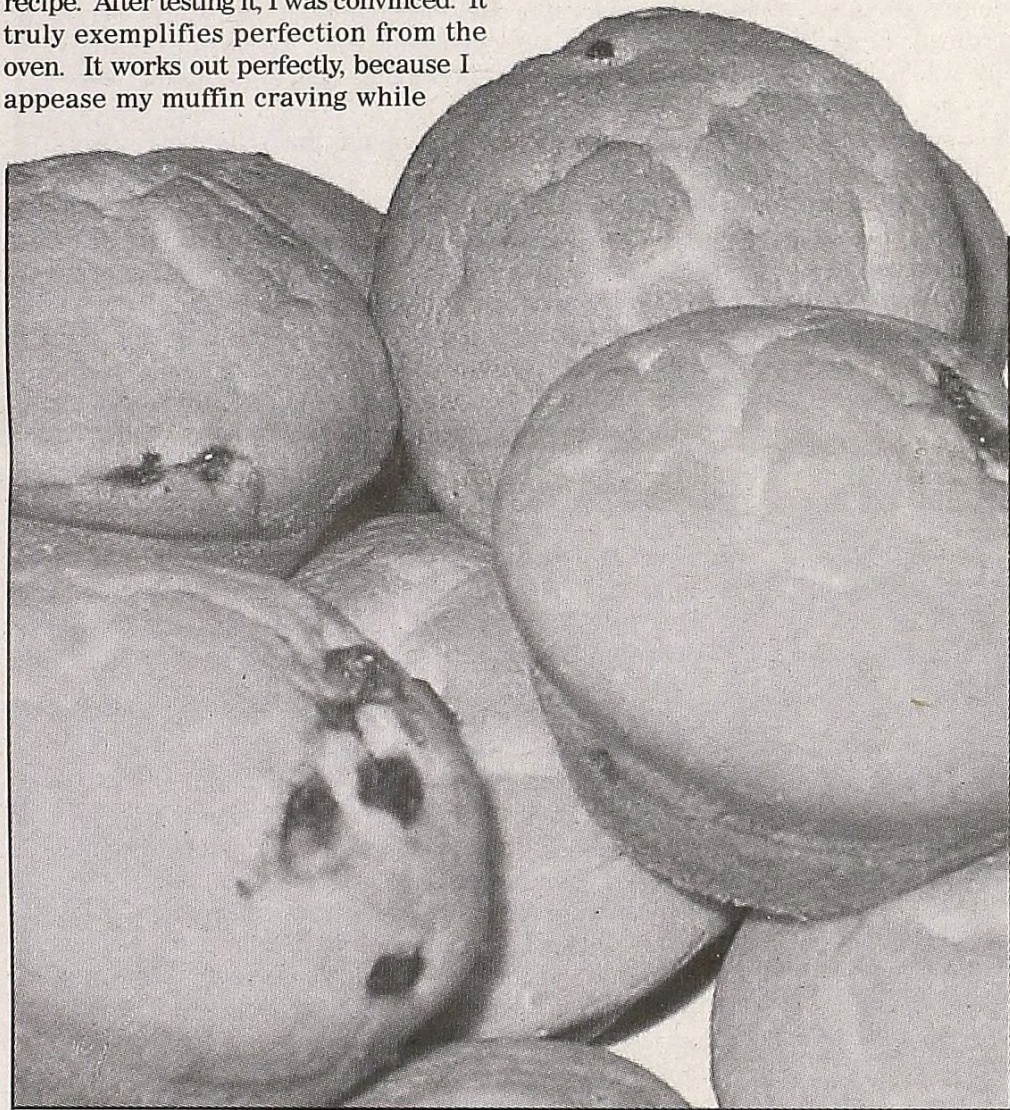
enjoying a high-fiber and low-calorie treat.

Though low in calories, the flavor is definitely not shortchanged. Whether or not you're trying to lose weight, this muffin will be a great snack or dessert and easy to make.

For those keeping track, this recipe makes a muffin with 3 grams of fiber and .05 gram of fat. It's also one point on the Weight Watchers Point scale.

Dawn's Perfect Muffins

- 3 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1 8-ounce can of crushed pineapple (drained)
- 1 cup ground carrots
- 1 cup blueberries



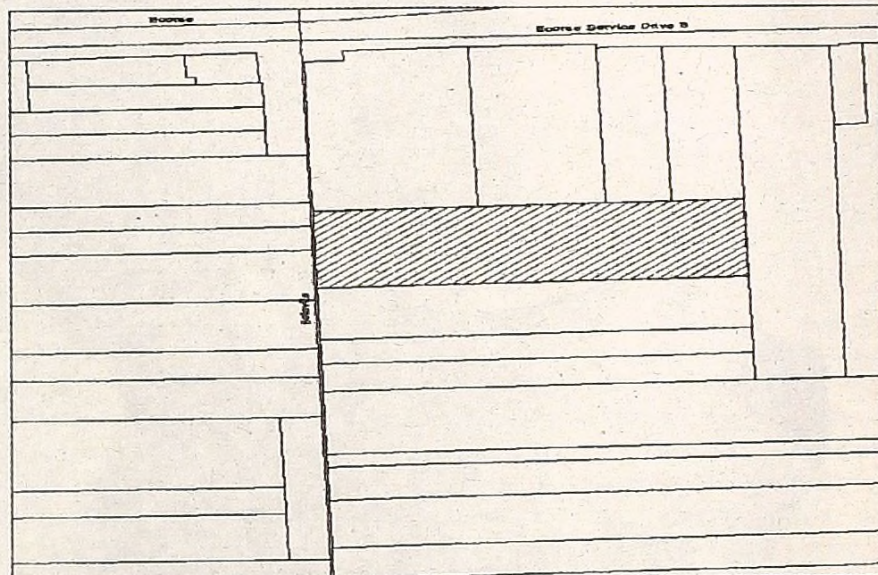
Sift together the flour, baking powder, soda, salt and cinnamon. Beat in 2 eggs. Finely chop or send the bananas, pineapple and carrots through a food processor. Mix with other ingredients on a low setting of the mixer for 30 seconds. Then mix on a medium setting until smooth. Fold in blueberries. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes. Recipe makes 21 muffins.

(Frank Agostini is a chef and the owner and operator of E.G. Nick's in downtown Plymouth. He has recently returned full-time to the restaurant after spending the past four years overseeing the catering operation. He has catered and cooked for some of the most famous people in the world during his long career.)

Now serving

by Frank Agostini

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 07-19-05 PROPOSED REZONING MAP



Legend

7665 Belleville Rd

Second reading of ordinance for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 07-19-05

To rezone parcel number: V-125-83-038-99-0042-000 from R-1B SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL to C-1 GENERAL.

Legal Description of Property:

Parcel number V-125-83-038-99-0042-000, 3.6 acres located on the east side of Belleville Road between Ecorse and Robson Roads.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 16th day of August, 2005.

Yeas: Rochowiak, Payne, Jahr, Budd, Herman and King.
Nays: None.
Absent and Excused: Hart.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 07-19-05 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Adopted: 08-16-05
Effective: 08-25-05
Publish: July 28, 2005
August 25, 2005

CITY OF ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the City of Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 7:15 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments on the proposed special assessment district for street lighting in the Preserves of Romulus Subdivision.

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, please be advised that this statement serves as notice that appearance and protest at the September 6, 2005 public hearing is required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk's Office by mail no later than 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 6, 2005 in order to reserve your right to protest the special assessment.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING!

Publish: August 25, 2005

SPORTS

Inkster Vikings football ready for action

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Inkster's first-year head football coach and athletic director Greg Carter has said in the past that he wants to get the Inkster community excited about football.

Now he'll finally have his chance.

The preseason is just almost over for the Vikings and the players are geared up for their opening match-up against neighboring rivals Dearborn Heights Robichaud tomorrow at the Bulldogs' place.

Carter said he's even getting wrapped up in the hype.

"The kids keep telling me how important this rivalry game is to them," Carter said. "Usually I don't get excited about opening games, but the kids are so excited that I'm starting to get excited, too."

Carter hopes that he and the rest of the coaching crew he brought with him from the recently closed Detroit St. Martin DePorres High School can improve upon the team's one-win season last year and no-win season the prior year.

It shouldn't be too hard. The Vikings have only had one home-field advantage contest in the last

two years—it just so happens to be the only game they won last year.

This year they will have four games on their home turf, including Ypsilanti (4 p.m., Sept. 1), Annapolis (1 p.m., Sept. 17), Robichaud (1 p.m., Oct. 1) and Romulus (1 p.m., Oct. 21).

Along with the coaches, some of the athletes made the trip from the defunct DePorres school to play with a coach that has won four state championships and one state runner up title.

So far there's been no problem with integrating the former DePorres students and returning Inkster athletes, either.

"The Inkster kids have welcomed the other players with open arms," Carter said. "Everyone is getting along good."

Two of the players returning from last year's Inkster team are seniors Demarko Williams and Rico McCoy. McCoy will play running back and defensive back; Williams will be a defensive back and a wide receiver.

They're both excited about the new program.

"I feel good because (this) program is better," Williams said. "We can go undefeated this year."

He said that an undefeated record is a realistic goal because that's the attitude that Carter and

the former DePorres players bring with them.

Carter also brings solid coaching with him.

"He coaches better technique and teaches the game better," McCoy said. "We have a lot of better players, too. He also put us in the weight room—we didn't have one last year."

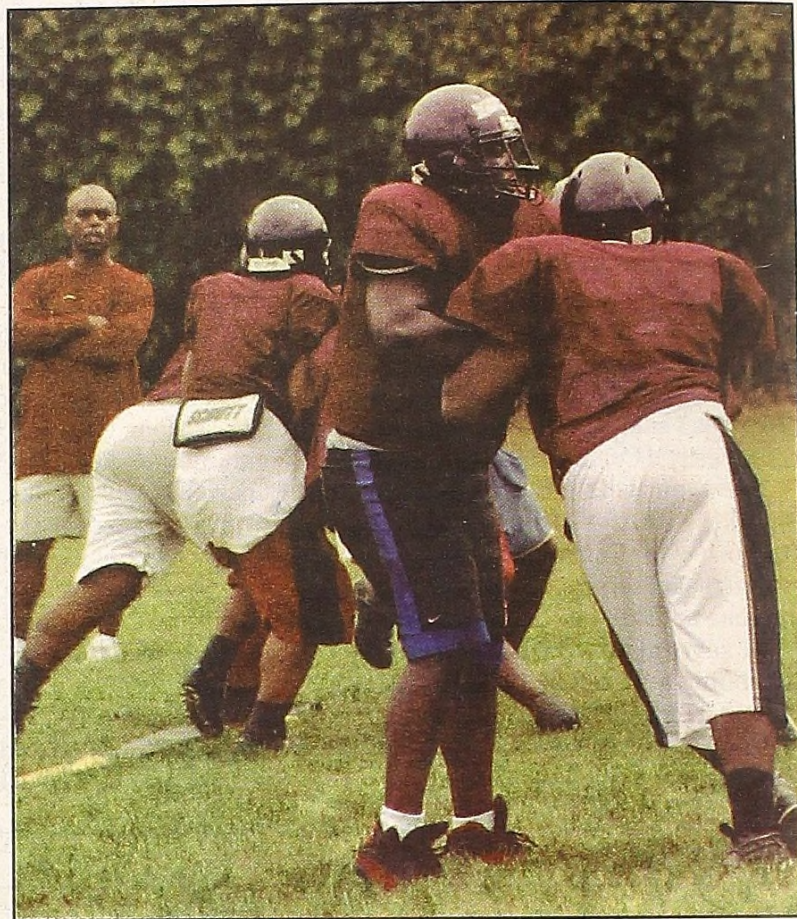
"The players (from DePorres) bring a winning instinct like they know they're going to win," Williams added.

"We had a losing mentality last year because we had a bad record," McCoy said. "We have that winning mentality and we haven't even played the game yet. That's what I like about it. Coach Carter is about to put Inkster on the map this year."

They both agreed that if they could go undefeated and make it to the playoffs they would be happy but, more importantly, they feel that they would have a better opportunity to go to college.

Williams and McCoy will get coaching from former Inkster running back star Luscious Hawkins, who went off and became a star defensive player at Grand Valley State University.

Other players to have solidified roles on the improved team midway through the second week



Inkster Viking football players gear up for the season opener tomorrow night at Dearborn Heights Robichaud. Head Coach Greg Carter watches in the background.

of practice are Antonio Chestnut at tight end and defensive end, and Troy Robinson as a running back. Anchoring the line, offensive and defensive, will be senior tackles Marquell Reddick and Ryan Bivings.

"I'm excited to get things going," Carter said. "I'm excited

to be a part of this community.

"The kids are working hard and are very receptive to instruction," he added. "We have high expectations and are expecting a good season. We want the program to be of a championship level and we don't want to take a long time to do it."

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Entertainment will be provided by jazz legend Bess Bonior courtesy of VanBelkum and Felty, P.C.

SPORTS

John Glenn Rockets aim to recapture city championships

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

About two days after John Glenn's new artificial turf football field was completed, somebody tested the resilience of the new surface when they vandalized it with spray paint.

Before the varsity team hit the practice field the next morning, though, the ground crew had cleaned up the graffiti. Now the new field is ready to go for the opening kick-off tomorrow night.

Much like the turf, the Rockets hope to show that same resilience this season. It could be a tough year with a lot of youth on a team that lost 30-odd

players to graduation last year. Seniors Greg Copeland, a defensive and offensive tackle, and Brandon Pratt at defensive back and running back are the only two players returning that have had significant playing time, according to Head Coach Todd Deluca.

Deluca admitted that after the first week of practice he didn't feel that the players were ready to play a game yet.

"The players haven't bought into what we're doing yet," he said after the first five days of practice. "But they're working hard."

The linebacker situation will be the strength on the defensive side of the ball. Ray Preciado

and Derek Palac on the inside positions and Jerry Smith and Lamar Keith on the outside should be solid core, according to Deluca.

Other offensive players will include Justin Shay on the line, Shawn Murphy at center and Frank Toarmina at tackle.

The rest of the offense was up in the air after the first week, however.

The wide out positions were still a question mark and two juniors, Justin Reid and Matt Damron, were battling for the quarterback spot.

One of them will try to fill the athletic shoes of Vinnie Deluca, who's now at Gannon University in Erie, Penn.

"What we're trying to do is to be better on defense than last year and better in the kicking game," Coach Deluca said. "We would like to be able to control the ball better. We started fast with big play offense. We have to be able to grind it out."

In his first year as head coach, DeLuca led the Rockets to a 6-4 season and a trip to the playoffs, where they fell to Taylor Truman. This season the Rockets still have to battle their way through the competitive Western Lakes conference against teams like Northville, Salem, Stevenson and, of course, neighboring rivals Wayne Memorial.

"It's always a competitive

conference," Deluca said. "The kids have worked real hard in the offseason. They're excited and I'm excited."

Although the playoffs are always a goal, Deluca said he is looking forward to recapturing the city championship played between Westland and Wayne every year as the season finale. Last year, they lost the crown that they have held onto since about 1995.

"I cannot express how important that football game is," he said. "It's a special game—huge game."

The Rockets kick off the season and home opener at 7 p.m. tomorrow against the Belleville Tigers.

Zebra football hope to improve 3-6 record

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

"In 22 years of coaching I've never been a part of a losing season," said Craig Hnatuk, head coach of the Wayne Zebras football team. "I'm not used to it and I'm not going to get used to it."

After suffering through a 3-6 season last year, that's the attitude Hnatuk started the preseason with and ultimately the regular season—his third as the head coach of the Wayne Memorial Zebras.

Last season wasn't all for nothing; things turned around toward the end of it. The Zebras finished up with two consecutive victories—the final one came against cross-town rivals John Glenn. It was the first time in about 10 years the Zebras won the City Championship.

"Winning at their place and in the style that we won it in is something that I'll never forget," Hnatuk said.

Wayne graduated nearly 20 players from last year, which means Hnatuk will have some holes to fill. He'll have help from some new coaches this year, though. He hired brothers Steve and Jim Waller from John Glenn. Steve was the junior varsity coach for Glenn and Jim was the varsity

defensive coordinator. Both are highly qualified, earning their time under legendary Glenn Coach Chuck Gordon. Even better, Hnatuk had worked with both of them previously.

"They know how I want things done," he said. "It makes it easier on me."

He shored up the sideline crew and is diligently working on figuring out his on-field arsenal. He said that he has enough returning players to offer a good mix of experience and youth.

The backfield should be solid with Blain Simmons and Andrew Crushon returning to carry the majority of the load.

He said he has high expectations for Dan Miller at tight end, Ceoso Flores on the o-line, Mike Pitts at right tackle and Bill Fallows at wide receiver.

He said there were still a lot of offensive positions up for grabs after the first week of practice.

On defense, he said all eyes should be on junior middle linebacker John Reverence.

"I like they way he plays

the game," he said. "He's old school, an ornery son of a gun who hits like a Mack truck."

Brian Bies heads up the nose guard position while Josh Bayer will play at the other corner. Junior defensive end Josh Perusse will be back in action, too. He started last year but he packed on 25 pounds in the offseason to solidify the spot, Hnatuk said.

Crushon will also play at outside linebacker, Simmons at corner and Fallows at free safety. Flores and Pitts will also see time on the defensive side of the ball.

Wayne's season and home opener will be at 7 p.m. tomorrow against a tough University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

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SPORTS

Belleville Tigers gear up for gridiron season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Bob LaPointe is heading into his 14th season as Belleville's head varsity coach showing no signs of slowing down.

He hopes his team doesn't either.

"We got a lot of things done this week," he said after the first five days of practice wrapped up. "We're looking to get as much as we can out of the kids as we can."

The Tigers are nearly two weeks into the preseason and are trying to solidify roles amongst players while laying down a winning plan.

With a question mark still at the quarterback position, Belleville will have to depend a

lot on the backfield. Senior halfback Carlos Clark will carry the brunt of the load and provide an offensive spark, according to LaPointe.

"He did some good things in practice," he said. "He catches the ball well. He can do a lot of different things."

Clark replaces the talented Isaac Kindell, one of eight graduated seniors from last year's squad.

Senior wide receiver Mike Donaldson, one of the team's leading flankers, will try to use his six-foot frame to snag some

catches for his team again this year. Offensive tackles Ken Losey and Pat Toupin will be back on the line as will junior guard Randle Green. Junior full-back Waseem El Awadi will be a newcomer to the team this year.

On defense, the Tigers will have a solid line-backing core returning with Green, Brandon Tarhanich and Dajuan Roberts. Junior lineman Dave Kennedy will also help shore up the defense.

There are other holes to fill, but quarterback is a gaping one where there were as many as four kids vying for the position, LaPointe said.

LaPointe said he is ready to finish the preseason and head into the season where he

hopes to improve on last year's 6-3 record. The team made it to the playoffs last year, but they faced Canton in the first round and lost. This is a new season, though, and LaPointe said he is ready to go.

"This preseason stuff is always hard with long days, hot weather, and it's hard to focus because everything seems so far away," he said. "The scrimmage helped get the kids excited."

Tomorrow the waiting and anticipation will be over at 7 p.m. when they head to John Glenn to kick off the season.

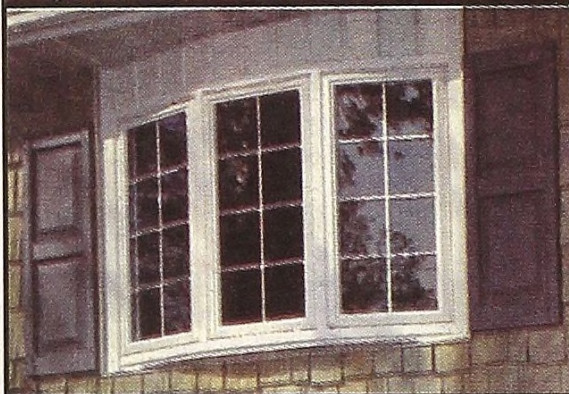
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Coach Bob LaPointe



Belleville head football coach Bob LaPointe directs his team during practice. They open up the season against John Glenn in Westland at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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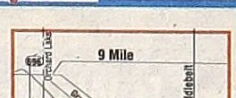
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SPORTS

Experience and talent return for Northville soccer

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustang soccer squad is in a good position to duplicate their outstanding season from last year.

They have a slew of experience returning, with 13 varsity players coming back for this season – meaning Head Coach Henry Klimes will have yet another deep roster to work with.

He had more than 100 kids try-out for the program this year, which made it difficult to choose.

“There were a lot of kids fight-

ing for a handful of positions,” he said. “There were a lot of unhappy players. It was a lousy situation for coaches.”

But with tryouts over, he and his ‘Stangs are ready for their first week of real practice before they kick the season into gear at the Country Day Tournament. They will play Farmington at 4 p.m. on Friday.

This year’s team will be knee deep in defenders and midfielders. Returning in the backfield are senior defenders Mike Blasius, Brandon Barkoski, Mike Chang and Vinnie Ciampa. Ryan

Pratt is the senior net minder. Joining the crew for their first varsity year are junior defenders Justin Kemp and Ryan Burdette and Evan Clough in net. Steve Palwecki could split time between defender and midfielder.

Returning midfielders include seniors Nick Kaldis and Enrique Acevedo along with juniors Alex Rickett, Chris Leonetti and Alex Wood.

Junior Gordie Lemasters and sophomore Jeff Cheslick will join the mid crew while sophomore Nick Kolbow could drift between mid and forward.

The surprise of camp was freshman John Hatzis, a mid-forward.

“I was surprised with his skill and size as a freshman,” Klimes said. “We want to make sure that he can handle kids that will be a few years older than him. He’s a hard worker.”

Senior Mike Cornelius will lead the team at the forward position. He could be in the top-five running for Mr. Soccer this year, according to Klimes. Returning with him is senior Justin Lockwood and junior John Junca. They will get help from sopho-

more Dan MacKinnon.

There’s not too much room for them to improve on their 18-2-1 record from last year, but they’ll try.

“This is a new season,” Klimes said. “I told the boys not to think about last year—this is a new team with a new set of goals.

“We’re excited,” he added. “The boys came into camp in good shape and they’re eager and excited to get things going.”

The Mustangs hit the field in their first conference contest at home against Churchill at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

New conference poses new start for Romulus Eagle football

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Eagle football team is another year older and ready to take on a new division this year.

The young team was moved to the Mega Blue Division where head Coach Wade Cook feels they can compete better. With as many as five seniors this season, the team could have the leadership that they lacked last year, too.

“We still have a young team with a lot of underclassmen,” Cook said. “But the guys are putting it together and working

real hard.

“I think the Blue division is a good place for us to be,” he added. “I think we can be competitive with the age group we have. We were just too young for the Red and White divisions. Our goal is to fight for the division—if we win the Mega Blue we’ll have a chance in the playoffs.”

Sophomore running back Mario Crawford will be back with a year experience under his belt. As a freshman he racked up 683 yards in six games with 11 touchdowns.

He was also one of the few freshmen in the midwest who received an invite to the Nike

Combine at the University of Michigan. There, he ran the 40 in 4.46 seconds. Barring any injury he could be one of the top rushers in the state this year, next year and the year after. Keep an eye on him: he might follow in the footsteps of Fred Russell, former Romulus back who went off to play for University of Iowa and was later signed as a free agent with the Miami Dolphins in 2004 and picked up by the Chicago Bears earlier this year.

Diddier Mami will also return in the backfield as a tailback and play strong safety on defense.

Other impact players include: Ryan Fields at tight end;

Shaddrick Curtis at tackle; and Jerrel White at fullback and line-backer. Junior Joe Siesznowski will make the move from guard to center this year. Kevin Smith, one of the few players returning as a senior this year, will hold down a corner position.

The quarterback position will be young with a sophomore Larry Horne at the helm. Another youngster Donzell Carter, a sophomore, might have an opportunity to start at the other corner opposite Smith, according to Cook.

Wide receivers Andre Smith and Justin Price have also had excellent camps, he said.

The Eagles went 3-6 last season, losing three of the six in the final minutes of the games. Cook hopes a being another year older will help the team avoid the mental mistakes they made last year.

“The season opener will give us a good indication of what we can do,” he said. “I think we’re much faster than last year. We just have to step it up. Everything looks promising. We want to try and pick up where the basketball and track teams left off.”

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Payne, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Trustee Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pugsley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of sixty-one (61).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Add New Business Item #7 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2005-26, approving a full year Class C Liquor License for O'Charley's Restaurant." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Payne moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special land use request by the Elro Corporation to develop and construct a Planned Residential Development (PRD) on approximately 94.58 acres of land, parcel number V125-83-113-99-0025-703. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated the purpose of this public hearing is to consider Bedford Cove a proposed Planned Residential Development (PRD) on 94.58 acres of land located on the south side of Huron River Drive west of Elwell Road. The Planning Commission recommends the Board grant this special use request. The criteria the Zoning Ordinance sets forth for the Board's consideration of a PRD application are as follows: 1) Concept. This residential subdivision would have interior roadways that would connect with nearby residential subdivisions and pedestrian walk ways. 2) Benefit. A high quality of housing development similar to nearby subdivisions with site amenities such as pedestrian walkways, a soccer field, volleyball court in a 4.06 acres outdoor recreation area, trail-ways through the 17 acres nature preserve/open space and the 200 feet landscape view shed off of Huron River Drive address the stated goals and provide recognizable benefit to this development. 3) Size. The site size is 94.58 acres and the proposed development is for 201 single-family residential lots. 4) Public services. The Township engineer has confirmed there are adequate available public services. 5) Master plan. The proposed development complies with the Township's Future Land Use Plan. 6) Economic impact. The proposed development will serve the housing needs of the Township. Director Kelley further stated the significant attributes of this PRD are as follows: 1) The project proposes a strong landscaping impact. As well as the 17 acre a nature preserve and the 4.06 open space recreational area. 2) Preserved common areas of the site would be 29.38 acres (32 percent of the development) and used as nature preserve, open space/recreation area, wetlands, and treed view sheds throughout the development. 3) A 10 foot wide asphalt bicycle/walking path proposed within the Huron River Drive right of way per the Township's Greenway Master Plan. 4) The proposed residential dwellings are all detached. 5) The public road right of way connections to Huron River Drive and Elwell Road. 6) The continuation of the landscape and development pattern currently approved and under development to the west of the proposed site, specifically the road and pedestrian layout, preservation and creation of significant landscaped areas and large pedestrian friendly open spaces. On February 9, 2005 the Planning Commission held a public hearing with considerable public comment, specifically neighboring property owners regarding the connection of a public street in the Briarwood Estates Subdivision to the proposed Bedford Cove. On June 8, 2005 the Planning Commission heard this item again for action/recommendation. The four Bedford Cove lots to be constructed at the end of a dead end street in Briarwood Estates Subdivision, the Planning Consultant reviewed with the Planning Commission that development standards applicable to these four lots are more restrictive standards with respect to minimum size of the home, setback requirements and design. Briarwood Estates is zoned R-1B and Bedford Cove is zoned R-1A. The proposed Bedford Cove is subject to more restrictive architectural standards such as the dissimilarity rule and the requirement of each house to be 50 percent brick. The public comments at the June 8, 2005 meeting did not speak to the connection of the second public road in Briarwood Estates to Bedford Cove. The Townships Zoning Ordinance does require these connections to be made whenever possible and practical to improve vehicular access and circulation for the motoring public as well as public safety personnel. After reviewing copies of the minutes and staff recommendations the Board will note the plans have been modified and improved to meet the recommendations of the Planning Commission, particularly the following: five lots have been removed from the site plan; the percentage of the open space be increased from 29 acres to 30 acres; additional water aerators are proposed for the storm water pond; further clarification of the garage wall setback; construction of recreational improvements and facilities in the 4.06 acre open space/recreation area; incorporation of densely park-grade trees along the west side of the central park; provision of a sidewalk connection across the central park linking the sidewalks along the two sections of Nashoba Drive; compliance with the recommendations of the Township traffic consultant and incorporation of any road improvements deemed necessary by the traffic study into the PRD agreement prior to final site plan approval being granted; and the addition of a note clarifying the proposed phasing of the project. As part of the special use requirement the developer, the Elro Corporation is requesting the Township approve the following modifications which the Township is allowed to grant under the PRD section of the Zoning Ordinance as follows: reduction in the minimum setback standards of the Zoning Ordinance, side yard a minimum of five feet on one side, both sides must be minimum of fifteen feet when added together; a "T"-turnaround at Chamard Drive; architectural and building drawings to be approved by the Planning Commission at a later date when builder is chosen; allowing ranch homes to be a minimum of 1,500 square feet but the average of all homes in the development to be no less than 1,800 square feet; reduction in the rear yard setback for decks from 35 feet to 25 feet; and approval of the standard to meet the 30 percent side entry garage requirement by including courtyard entry garages and street facing garages setback a minimum of 10 feet from the front wall of the home.

Director Kelley stated the Township is in receipt of a letter from a resident of Briarwood Estates regarding the cul-de-sac area of the proposed development and has spoken to the resident and addressed their concerns by the applicant agreeing to put a restriction on the first two lots to be ranch style homes and twelve additional pine trees.

Audience members made the following comments. A resident of Briarwood Estates inquired about the tree buffer setback zone. The applicant stated the two lots behind the resident's home have been removed from the site plan. A resident inquired about the swimming pool that was on the original plans and the safety of the entrance off of Huron River Drive? Director Kelley stated the Planning Commission substituted the outdoor recreational area which can be used by the public for the swimming pool and club house. The PRD document would include a detailed traffic plan recommended by the Township's Traffic Consultant and the Planning Commission would require the applicant to update the traffic counts as the project is built. A resident inquired about the location of the entrance? Director Kelley stated the entrance is east of Ormond Drive.

Board members made the following comments. Trustee Jahr stated he made his comments during the Work Study Session and would reserve his comments until the item is brought up for Board action.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special land use request by Progressive Investments, LLC for outdoor storage of automobiles on parcel number V125-83-047-99-0001-706, zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) and located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Tyler Road and Coca Cola Drive. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated the applicant, Progressive Investments, LLC, is requesting to operate an insurance claims center with outdoor storage of automobiles. The outdoor storage use requires a special use approval by the Board. The Planning Commission recommends the Board grant this special use request. This proposed development would receive drivable damaged automobiles. The Progressive Claim Center process is to have the customer drop off the damaged automobile at the claim center then the claim center handles the estimates for repair and delivers the automobile to the body shop for repair and is returned to the Progressive Claim Center for inspection and return to the customer. Progressive will also have rental cars available for customers who need them to use while their automobile is being repaired. The site is an office building with a bay area. The cars will be stored at the rear of the building. Supervisor King stated the hours of operations will be from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The applicant read a brief review about the Progressive Insurance Claim Centers services from a magazine article. A resident inquired how many rental cars will be at the claim center. The applicant stated there is room for twelve rental cars but would be determined on a daily need basis.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Herman moved, Jahr seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of July 15, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2005 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Officer Bart DeVos expressed his thanks to everyone involved with this year's "Camp with a Cop" particularly the businesses who donated food, bicycles and helmets. Camp participants Haley Berry, Jalen Torres, Erica Mozdy and Sheldon Scott were presented the bicycles and helmets they won at camp.

Service awards were given to the following employees Tina Grishaber, Wanda Johnston, George Noye and Chad Osborne for five years of service, Bart DeVos for ten years of service, Noah Caincross, Fred Sweet, and Brenda Smolen for fifteen years of service and Susan Ireland and Sharon Kennedy for twenty years of service.

A communication from Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's Office stating the House of Representatives have approved the Transportation Equity Act that will provide Federal Funds for local road improvement projects. Van Buren Township will be awarded \$880,000 for improvements to Belleville Road to create a Michigan left turn lane at the Belleville and Ecorse Roads intersection.

The Michigan Public Service Commission announced two upcoming Detroit-area Consumer Forums on Thursday, September 8th at Greater Grace Temple, and Thursday, September 29th at the Wayne County Community College District, Eastern Campus. Both sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. and for more information contact Mark Smith at 517.241.5410.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 07-19-05 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone parcel of land known as 7665 Belleville Road, parcel number V125-83-038-99-0042-000, approximately 3.06 acres in area from R-1B (Medium Density Residential) to C-1 (General Business), noting the proposed C-1 zoning is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township's Master Plan; the proposed C-1 zoning is consistent with the Master Plan's General Commercial land use designation; approval of the request will not create an unplanned or spot zoned parcel of land since it conforms to the Master Plan; the proposed C-1 zoning is in scale with the needs of the community; approval of the request will not substantially change the existing or planned future character of the area; and per the recommendation of the Township Planning Consultant in their letter dated May 19, 2005. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Rochowiak, Payne, Jahr, Budd, Herman and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 07-19-05 follows the minutes. A copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the special use request by Elro Corporation to develop and construct a Planned Residential Development (PRD) on a parcel of land known as V125-83-113-99-0025-703, located

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Obituaries

MANNING, Daisy

Daisy Jean Manning, 79, of Westland, formerly of Romulus, died July 24.

Among her survivors are her children, Robin W. (Carmen Schiavone) Melrose of California, Tracy P (Pamela) also of California, Sandra (Donald) Tanner of Tecumseh, Sherrill (Larry) Agge of California, Shannon (Kenneth) Kratina of Washington, 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a stepson, John M. Manning; step-daughters, Sylvia Rea of Romulus, Frankie (Eugene) Slupski of Wayne, Patricia (William) Perry of Stanwood and Gwendolyn Fowler of Wayne, and many step-grandchildren and step- great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church in Romulus officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

COPELAND, Elmer

Elmer Copeland, Jr., 81, of Romulus, died June 16.

Among his survivors are his sons, Elmer III, Roger and Shaun; daughters, Nona and Marcia; 18 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Copeland served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and

was a past Post Commander of VFW Post 1869.

He was employed by Kelsey Hayes and owned his own landscaping business.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Linda Larkin officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

EMERSON, James

James R. Emerson, 57, of Belleville, died July 13.

Among his survivors is his wife of 15 years, Deborah Joyce (McIsaac) Emerson; children, Sauna Emerson, Robert Emerson and Cody Emerson, all of Belleville; sisters, Jane Emerson of Westland and Joyce Emerson of Inkster; and nephews, John Scott and Troy Emerson.

Mr. Emerson was employed at Ford Motor Co. in Allen Park for 28 years.

Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment of cremains was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

SHARMA, Mary

Mary Therese Sharma, 40, of Belleville, died July 11.

Among her survivors are her husband, Yogesh Chandra Sharma; children, Anjali Mary Sharma, Anisha Therese Sharma and Krishna Chandra Sharma, all of Belleville; her parents, Sydney Joseph and Anne Margaret (Broge) Gomez of Redford; a sister, Heleyn Lynn (Terry) Bowler of Redford; brothers, Joseph Sydney (Rita) Gomez and Michael Joseph Gomez of Westland; two brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law, and her father-law-law, Ramesh Chandra Sharma of Delhi, India.

Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, where Mrs. Sharma was a member, with Father Thomas M. Cusick officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

MCGRANE, Matthew

Matthew G. McGrane, 47, of Romulus, died July 14.

Among his survivors are his wife, Tamatha A. (Bennett) McGrane; a son, Jesse McGrane; his father and step-mother, Bernard and Vira (Petraska) McGrane; brothers, Bernard (Stephanie) McGrane of Elkhart, Ind., Patrick (Cindy) McGrane of

Carleton, Christopher (Barbara) McGrane, of Colorado, and Martin McGrane of St. Clair Shores; sisters, Denise (Russell) Harris of Romulus, Michele “Micki” (Jerry) Weidman of Lincoln Park and Lucia Ochs of Wayne, and 16 nieces and nephews.

Mr. McGrane was employed by the Romulus School District.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church in Romulus officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

WRIGHT, Wanda

Wanda May Wright, 83, of Ann Arbor, died July 22.

Among her survivors are her children, Monty (Janice) Fitzgerald of North Carolina and Ernestine Manners of Texas; a sister, Maxine Dotimas of Michigan and Darrell (Delwanda) Fitzgerald of Indiana; 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wright was retired from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Terry Clees officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

BIES, Henry

Henry Jerome Bies, 82, a life long resident of Sumpter Township, died July 20.

Among his survivors are his wife of 57 years, Helen S. Bies; children, Susan M. (Darrell) Featheringill of Dexter, James P. (Margie) Bies of Gregory, Barbara Bies of Wisconsin and William Bies of Ypsilanti; brothers, Matthew (Gertrude) Bies of Belleville and Stanley (Jenny) Bies of Willis; a sister-in-law, Irene Sobecki of Belleville; five granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter, Olivia Luke.

Mr. Bies retired from the Wayne County Road Commission in 1987 after 30 years of employed. He was active with a slow pitch baseball league and helped at the Belleville Strawberry Festival.

Mr. Bies served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church where Mr. Bies was a member and served as an usher. He was active in helping to build the church.

Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated funeral mass for Mr. Bies.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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on the south side of Huron River Drive, west of Elwell Road, per the facts and findings of the Planning Commission and their additional changes that include: the original 206 building lots have been reduced to 201; the percentage of open space has increased from 29 acres to 30 acres; additional water aerators are proposed for the storm water pond; further clarification of the garage wall setback (minimum of 10 feet) from the front of the dwelling unit; clarification of design standards to satisfy the side entry garage requirement of the PRD Ordinance; Construction of recreational improvements and facilities in the 4.06 acre open space/recreation area; incorporation of densely planted park-grade trees along the west side of the central park; provision of a sidewalk connection across the central park linking the sidewalks along the two sections of Nashoba Drive; compliance with the recommendations of the Township traffic consultant and incorporation of any road improvements deemed necessary by the traffic study into the PRD agreement prior to final site plan approval being granted; and the addition of a note clarifying the proposed phasing of the project; the letter from the Township Planning Consultants dated June 16, 2005; the Township’s Engineering Consultant’s letter dated June 17, 2005 and approval of the following modifications with the following conditions: reduction in the minimum setback standards of the Zoning Ordinance, side yard a minimum of five feet on one side, both sides must be minimum of fifteen feet when added together; a “T”-turnaround at Chamard Drive, (Chamard Drive is approximately 130 feet long); architectural and building drawings to be approved by the Planning Commission at a later date when builder is chosen; allowing ranch homes to be a minimum of 1,500 square feet but the average of all homes in the development to be no less then 1,800 square feet; reduction in the rear yard setback for decks from 35 feet to 25 feet with the exceptions of those lots that abut the perimeter property lots; approval of the standard to meet the 30 percent side entry garage requirement by including courtyard entry garages and street facing garages setback minimum of 10 feet from the front wall of the home; the June 8, 2005 Planning Commission Minutes; and that the first two lots (lots 156 and 157) in the four lot cul-de-sac be ranch style homes and an additional twelve pine trees be planted. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Rochowiak, Payne, Herman and King. Nays: Jahr. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the special use request by Progressive Investments, LLC for outdoor storage of automobiles on parcel number V125-83-047-99-0001-706 located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Tyler Road and Coca Cola Drive subject to: 1) Revision of the use statement to indicate hours of operation of the center. 2) Incorporation of eight foot tall trees spaced not more than twelve feet on center. 3) Reduction of proposed light intensities at the south property line. 4) Final site plan approval by the Planning Commission. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to approve the final plat for the proposed Timbers Subdivision located on the east side of Elwell Road, south of Huron River Drive, parcel numbers V125-83-111-99-0003-002 and V125-83-111-99-0004-000 with the condition that upon completion of the pond and the buffering landscaping the Township will inspect the landscape buffer around the pond and should it be determined that more vegetation is required then some or all of the homeowner selected replacement trees be installed in this area and with the receipt and payment of all required permits, fees and bonds. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to reject all bids received on June 17, 2005 for an automatic meter reading system and to authorize the Water and Sewer Director to re-bid for a Fixed Network System that can read all manufactures meters with a Drive-by-System as an alternate bid. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the sanitary sewer easement agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren, the

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and Landmarc Building/Development, Incorporation. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-25 to approve the Van Buren Township Cross Connection Control Program Plan. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-26 to approve a full year Class C Liquor License for O’Charley’s Restaurant. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the August 2, 2006 and August 16, 2005 voucher lists as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the May and June Budgetary Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A notice from the Water and Sewer Department stating the Township is under voluntary outdoor water use restrictions through September. Addresses ending in an odd number should do outdoor watering only on odd numbered days and those with even addresses numbers should use water outdoors on even numbered days. Customers should also limit or avoid outdoor water use during peak times from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Lastly, people utilizing underground lawn irrigation systems are asked to program watering to start after midnight and end by 5:00 a.m., and adhere to the odd/even days.

Director Ross announced the 3rd Annual Get Active Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, August 20th from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Quirk Park. Also, Van Buren Township is a finalist for the National Recreation and Parks Association Healthy Lifestyles Award. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Sue Trussell introduced herself as Senator Patterson’s District Representative.

Residents of Old Michigan Avenue voiced concerns regarding retention pond issues and the resident’s well. Director Kelley stated he will submit a written report to the Board of Trustee of the events that have taken place regarding these issues.

A resident stated there is an upcoming State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality public hearing on Thursday, September 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall to consider the wetlands permit sought by Saratoga, General Motors and the Diversified Property Group.

An inquiry if the Township has responded to the City of Belleville’s request for an estimation of expense to handle the city’s dispatching for public safety. Supervisor King stated she is checking with other Board members before responding to the city.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 10:16 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Publish: August 25, 2005

BUSINESS

Bark busters Trainers cure problem pets in home

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Dogs are considered man's best friend, but at times can be unruly companions—always barking, constantly jumping up at guests or racing to the front door to greet visitors.

These, among other untrained behaviors, can be embarrassing for owners and even unsafe at times for the canine. And no matter how hard the owner fights the behavior or how many treats are given to change the conduct they sometimes never seem to go away.

Julie Landelius, a 22-year-old Dearborn resident, faced several of these unfavorable traits with her 1-year-old pug-beagle mix, conveniently called a puggle, named Deci.

"Sometimes it was just embarrassing having company over because Deci would always jump up at or climb all over the guests," she said. "And when ignored she'd bark until she got the attention she wanted."

"My fiancé and I thought about taking Deci to a pet store training class but they were

never at a good time that we could make it—it seemed like such a hassle," she said. "So there was never much we could do about the behavioral problems except live with them."

That's where Bruce Headley and Sue Westcott come into play. They own a Bark Buster franchise that helps people across the west metro Detroit, 275-corridor area—Canton Township, Plymouth, Northville, Belleville, Romulus, Wayne and Westland to name a few communities—to rid their family pet of troubling behaviors.

"Dogs can be a very high-stress situation if they're out of control," Westcott said. "That's where we're usually called in, because owners hit a point where they are so frustrated that they have no control."

They would much rather be considered therapists than trainers because they modify the dog's behavior. They offer owners a variety of gentle and natural training services right in their own homes to correct behavioral issues in dogs of all ages, including puppies.

"Most of the time I find that

dogs are in complete control of the house because they're confused about their role," Headley said. "Dogs instinctively follow a pack mentality. By training owners to use voice control and body language to establish authority, we teach them how to gain control so their dogs can become obedient, enjoyable family members."

Headley and Westcott claim to be able to fix or change any or all of the dog's unsavory behaviors in a single 2-2 1/2 hour session.

Bark Busters is actually one of the oldest and largest dog training companies in the world. They operate in eight countries—including 34 states in the U.S. with 140 offices, according to Westcott. They are the only international dog training company that offers a lifetime guarantee. Therapists will provide future sessions free of charge if the problem behaviors reoccur.

"One of the things we do, which is different from the majority of obedience schools, is that we don't use treats," Westcott said. "We use a reward system. The reward is that you praise the dog. So it's a communication



Bruce Headley of Bark Busters comforts one of his latest 'students' Deci, a pug-beagle mix.

process that you have with the animal."

The session begins with a 15-20 minute presentation that explains what Bark Busters is and the methods used in the behavioral modification process. After that the training begins, a hands-on procedure. The owners do the training with guidance and demonstrations from the trainer.

Landelius, with direction from Headley, first began by ridding Deci of her jumping up at people. Deci stopped after one correction.

Then Headley, Westcott and Landelius headed outside for some leash training. It didn't go

quite as smoothly as the previous lessons but toward the end Deci, who had no prior leash training, started to do what was expected.

Landelius feels Deci's lesson was a success.

"I didn't believe it was possible to for them (Bark Busters) to fix all of Deci's problems in less than two hours," she said. "But they came right to the house at a time that I scheduled and did what they promised. I can't be happier with the results."

For more information about Bark Busters visit www.barkbusters.com. For further questions or to set up a home visit with Bruce Headley and Sue Westcott call (877) 280-7100.

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Near Huron River Dr. & Hannan on the south side of I-94
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59. Auctions

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On AUGUST 30, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1990 Ford Escort
2 Dr Red
1FAPP9192LT171742

1997 Ford T-Bird
2 Dr Burgundy
1FALP6244VH152700

1993 Dodge Shadow
2 Dr Green
1B3XP6437PN512550

1989 Olds Cutlass
4 Dr Blue
1G3NT54U6KM201324

1992 Plymouth Voyager
StWgn Blue
2P4GH253XNR739827

1993 Ford Taurus
4 Dr Red
1FALP54P1PA316109

1988 Ford Taurus
4 Dr Gold
1FABP53U4JA289904

1992 Dodge Caravan
StWgn Blue
1B4GH44R7NX139805

1994 Mitsubishi Galant
4 Dr Silver
4A3AJ56G9RE077174

1994 Ford Escort
4 Dr Red
3FARP13J1RR150182

1997 Hyundai
4 Dr Green
KMHVF24N4VU382468

1997 Ford Escort
4 Dr Red
1FALP13P2VW377401

1994 Ford Utility
Van White
1FDKE37H9RHA76317

1990 Buick Century
4 Dr Red
3G4AL54N3LS601703

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2000 Chevy Cavalier
2 Dr Black
1G1JC1247Y7263843

1989 Ford Tempo
4 Dr Blue
1FAPP36X1KK132732

1991 Ford Tempo
4 Dr Black
2FAPP36XXMB169842

1990 Ford F-250
PU Trk Red
1FTHX25H2LKB54758

1993 Buick Regal
4 Dr Silver
2G4WB54T6P1440045

2005 Nissan Altima
4 Dr Silver
1N4AL11D25N447061

1994 Mazda 626
4 Dr Green
1YVGE22C2R5117947

1995 Mercury Sable
4 Dr Blue
1MELM50U7SG605093

1985 Ford F-150.
PU Trk Red
1FTEX15Y3FKA56789

1991 Chevy Corsica
4 Dr Blue
1G1LT53GXY143421

1993 Mercury Cougar
2 Dr Blue
1MEPM62T6PH642374

1984 Ford
4 Dr Gray
1FABP3937EG129635

1995 Pontiac Sunfire
4 Dr Blue
1G2JB5245S7506482

1990 Chevy
StWgn White
1GBEG25K9L7146565

1997 Pontiac GrandAm
4 Dr White
1G2NE52M7VC849511

1993 Chrysler Concorde
4 Dr Tan
2C3EL56F4PH593023

1988 Chrysler
4 Dr White
1C3BU6634JD246193

1990 Ford Econoline
Van Maroon
1FDEE14N7LHB05316

1998 Plymouth Breeze
4 Dr Black
1P3EJ46COWN123840

1993 Pontiac Gran Am
4 Dr Purple
1G2NE5431PM506274

The third auction will begin promptly at 12:00pm at ACE Towing, 33032 Ford Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1997 Ford Taurus
4 Dr Red
1FALP54NXVA262496

1997 Ford Taurus
4 Dr Green
1FALP54N2VA268230

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle listed below will be auctioned after SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

Chevrolet Blazer
StWgn White
CKL18AF108989

AUTO AUCTION
J & M TOWING
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Romulus, MI 48174
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August 31, 2005 @ 11:00am

1993 Plymouth
3P3XP643XPT657662
2 Dr #05-6116

1989 Plymouth Acclaim
1P3BA56K4KF522660
4 Dr #05-6305

1992 Mercury Sable
1MELM5341NG655990
4 Dr #05-6329

1994 Dodge
1B7HC16Y1RS591051
Pick Up #05-6426

1986 Mercury
2MEBP93FXGX633401
2 Dr #05-6450

1XMDC958XEK172538
#05-6452

1992 Mercury
1MECM50U7NG645856
4 Dr #05-6526

1991 Chevrolet
1GNCT18Z3MO150341
StaWgn #05-6530

1988 Pontiac
1G2WK14W6JF248751
2 Dr #05-6562

1993 Plymouth
1P4GH4435PX639684
StaWgn #05-6593

1993 Ford
1FACP52U2PG213304
4 Dr #05-6638

1996 Ford Windstar
2FMDA5142TBC02446
StaWgn #05-6734

1988 Ford
2FTEF15YXJCB38163
Pick Up #05-6736

1991 Ford
1FACP52U9MG225963
4 Dr #05-6791

1987 Cadillac
1G6DW51Y8H9719444
4 Dr #05-6836

1994 Dodge
1B3AA46V7RF218895
4 Dr #05-6878

1992 Pontiac
1G2NE14N2NM007331
2 Dr #05-6879

1987 Ford
2FABP73F8HX226528
4 Dr #05-6880

1989 Pontiac
1G2HZ54CXKW206585
4 Dr #05-7053

1995 Chevrolet Corsica
1G1LD55M1SY282947
4 Dr #05-7054

1989 Mercury
1MEPM6049KH657648
2 Dr #05-7129

1991 Ford
1ZVPT21U0M5158539
2 Dr #05-A-584

1993 Pontiac
1G2NE5431PM576826
4 Dr #05-A-634

1999 Dodge Dakota
1B7FL26XXXS181673
PickUp #05-A-651

1984 Oldsmobile
1G3AV69Y0E9744878
4 Dr #05-A-651

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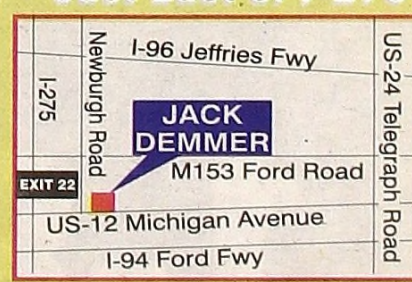
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